MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*) : May I know whether it is obligatory on the part of the Travancore Government merely because the Government of India notified in the Gazette, the same should be applied to Travancore ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : That is a matter of opinion.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Nominated*) : Will the member be pleased to say whether there is any rule which makes it obligatory for the Travancore Government to oblige or to follow the Government of India ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I disallow that question.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : Sir, may I know whether—

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*) : I rise to a point of order. May I know whether one member can rise again for a supplementary question ?

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : Before I finished my set of questions, a brother member put his question. So it is not my fault.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : You have lost your right of asking a supplementary question to this question.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : May I know whether—

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I wish to make an observation with regard to the nature of supplementary questions. They are intended to elucidate answers relating to facts and not generally with regard to opinions. On the other hand, it is expected that the answers given by the Government members are the answers of Government and that all available information which may be normally collected should be collected and answers based thereon. I believe, if both sides understand this, it will be to mutual advantage.

Floods in Nedumangad taluk.

***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware that there were severe floods throughout Nedumangad taluk on the 7th, 8th, 17th and 21st of Kanni 1109 ;

(*b*) whether the floods have not completely damaged the paddy cultivation and caused severe loss to the people ; and

(*c*) whether the Minor Irrigation Department has attended to the improvement of flood-damaged areas in the taluk ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : (*a*) The rains on the 7th, 8th, 17th and 21st Kanni 1109 were heavier than usual, resulting in rise of water in the rivers and *todus*.

(*b*) Owing to the rise of water, a few field bunds breached and there was slight inundation of paddy fields, but no appreciable damage to cultivation or to the standing crops was caused thereby.

(*c*) Statements of irrigation tanks and channels to be repaired by the P. W. D. have been called for and the question of their improvements will be taken up in due course.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : In answer to part (*b*), may I know whether the Government is not aware of the serious damage caused to the paddy fields as a result of floods—

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Please drop the word 'not' and then put the question.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Is the Government aware –

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): The question is whether the Government are aware. That supplies an information and not elucidates. So I wish to know whether the member is in order in asking a question which supplies information instead of elucidating it.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Let the question actually come up and then we shall decide.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): It has arisen now. By asking the question whether the Government are not aware, he supplies information and he does not ask for information. I wish to know whether such questions are permissible.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That is the very reason why I wanted Mr. S. J. Nair to omit the word 'not' and then put the question.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Is that not supplying information?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That is a matter of opinion. I said there is considerable difference of opinion between asking whether the member is aware and whether the member is not aware. The latter presupposes some fault in somebody and it is suggestive. This is a thing which Mr. Asan as a lawyer ought to know.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): In answering the previous question, may I know whether the answer to part (*b*) was considered?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): That was in Kanni.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): For the damages caused in previous floods, was any help rendered?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Towards the relief of the ryots, was any help rendered by the Minor Irrigation Department?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I disallow that question.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Government will issue orders to the Minor Irrigation Department to make improvements?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Government have called for statements of irrigation tanks and channels to be repaired by the P. W. D. The question will be considered and orders issued in due course.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will Government issue early orders?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): The matter will be examined.

Shifting of the toll-gate at the 18th mile-stone on the M. C. road.

38. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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